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OCTOBER 1978

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1. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME SOUTHERN TIER CONFERENCE BEING HELD
IN DUBROVNIK.

2. MOST APPROPRIATE HOTEL IS LIBERTAS WHICH IS (DELUXE
CATEGORY) WHICH IS WELL LOCATED IN CITY AND HAS EXCELLENT
CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND ADEQUATE PHONE AND TELEX CONNECTIONS.
ALL ROOMS IN HOTEL ARE DOUBLES. COST OF BED AND BREAKFAST FOR
ROOM WITH TWO PEOPLE IN OCTOBER IS DOLLARS 18.50 PER PERSON.
CORRESPONDING SINGLE RATE IN DOUBLE ROOM IS DOLLARS 29.00.
LIBERTAS MANAGEMENT ADVISES THAT WHILE THEY WILL HAVE SOME
SINGLES DURING OCTOBER 16-20 PERIOD THEY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT
HAVE ENOUGH FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS. COST FOR CONFERENCE
ROOM CAPABLE OF HOLDING 50-60 PEOPLE IS DOLLARS 60.00 PER DAY.
THERE ARE ALSO ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR SMALLER GROUPS AT LOWER
PRICES.

3. BECAUSE OF PRIOR BOOKINGS CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WOULD HAVE
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TO ARRIVE ON OCTOBER 16 WITH SESSIONS BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 17.
IT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE
OVER WEEKEND AND HAVE CONFERENCE START ON 16TH.

4. NOT HAVING AN OFFICIAL U.S. PRESENCE IN DUBROVNIK WOULD BE A
HANDICAP IN HANDLING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CON-
FERENCE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY AND CONGEN ZAGREB HAVE HAD CONSIDER-

ABLE SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE IN HOSTING OR PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR DUBROVNIK CONFERENCES, TECHNICAL SALES SEMINARS AND DELEGATION VISITS. SELECTION FO DUBROVNIK AS SITE SHOULD THEREFORE NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT RUNNING OF THE CONFERENCE OR POSE AN UNDUE BURDEN FOR US.

5. HOTEL REQUESTS EMBASSY PROVIDE FIRM COMMITMENT WITHIN 15 DAYS.

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